



## Gold King Mine Spill 08/14/2015 – 1900 CDT Bullets

On August 14, 2015, NMED and the Department of Health lifted the ban on using private water wells.

NMED has notified EPA that NMED is drafting a recommendation to ditch operators to start flushing the ditches.

EPA will not hold any community meetings on Saturday, August 15, 2015, or Sunday, August 16, 2015. Community meetings will resume on Monday, August 17, 2015.

### Private Drinking Water Well Sampling

- EPA is processing requests received from New Mexico residents for approximately seventy private drinking water well samples that will be analyzed for total metals, dissolved metals, major cations/anions, and nitrate.
- EPA will finish the requests for private water well samples that have already been received but will not accept any new sampling requests. There are about twenty-five requests remaining and EPA will finish the requests on August 15, 2015.
- On August 14, 2015, EPA collected thirty-four private drinking water well samples.
- Southside Mutual Domestic and Flora Vista water systems have requested that EPA sample their public water supply wells before the systems turn the wells back on. EPA will collect the four samples requested on August 15, 2015.
- On August 14, 2015, EPA received preliminary data for the thirty-five private water wells taken on August 12, 2015.
- On August 14, 2015, EPA received validated data for the thirty private water wells samples taken on August 11, 2015.

### Drinking Water Technical Support/Pretreatment/Connections

- Morningstar has approximately forty-eight hours of water supply remaining.
- Morningstar and Farmington are working on connecting their water systems. EPA has ordered holding tanks. EPA estimates the connection will be completed on August 17, 2015.
- The pump is on the way to Morningstar from Houston, Texas. EPA is looking into having New Mexico and Texas waive the need for the truck to stop at weighing stations and to have law enforcement escort for the truck.

#### Surface Water and Sediment Sampling

- On August 14, 2015, EPA collected ten surface water and sediment samples.
- On August 14, 2015, EPA received validated data for nine surface water and sediment samples taken on August 11, 2015.
- On August 14, 2015, EPA received preliminary data for six surface water and sediment samples taken on August 13, 2015, and ten surface water and sediment samples taken on August 12, 2015.

#### Agriculture and Livestock Water

- On August 13, EPA delivered a total of 298,683 gallons of water to six agriculture and three livestock locations.
- On August 14, 2015, EPA delivered water to ten agriculture and livestock locations. There are currently twenty trucks delivering water.
- On August 14, 2015, one local farmer picked up seventy-two bales of hay.

#### Irrigation Ditch Sediment Samples

- On August 14, 2015, EPA collected twenty-six irrigation ditch sediment samples.

EPA and contractor staffing for today is as follows:

Group	Number
Region 6 EPA @ REOC	20
Region 6 Contractors @ REOC	4
Region 6 Staff in JIC – Durango, CO	1
Region 6 Staff in Area Command – Durango, CO	1
Region 6 RIC – Farmington, NM	1
Region 6 Logistics – Farmington, NM	1
Region 6 Water Liaison – Santa Fe, NM	1
Region 6 EPA OSC	5
Region 6/7 Water Technicians	12
Region 6 Contractors in Field	32